them about the true facts regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and of pakistan's support to trans-border terrorism.

(b) Government of Pakistan has in official statements expressed its concern regarding the recent kidnappings of foreign tourists in Jammu and Kashmir.

Pakistan's statements in this regard are propagandistic and do not in any way alter the situation on ground, where Pakistan's active support and encouragement to cross-border terrorism against India continues unabated.

Proposal for de-reservation of Ice-Cream Industry

1115. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal for de-reservation of Ice-Cream Industry and for permitting integrated dairy units with investment upto Rs. 500 crores;

(b) if so, what are the provocating factors for such a move when the small scale sector is capable to meet the demand for ice-cream;

(c) whether such proposal would mean diversion of liquid milk to vulnerable section of the society during lean season; and

(d) whether Government had in December last objected to the manufacture of ice-cream by the cooperative sector, which handles most of the liquid milk processing and marketing to vulnerable sections of the society and if so, why this sudden clamour for reversal of its earlier decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d) There is no proposal pending before the Government for permitting integrated dairy units with investment upto Rs. 500 crores to manufacture ice-cream which is reserved for small scale sector. Presently, it is estimated that approximately 50% of the ice-cream manufactured in the country is by the small scale units. While no specific survey regarding impact on supply of liquid milk to the vulnerable section of the society due to use of milk in manufacture of ice-cream has been made, presently, less than 1% of the total milk production is used for manufacture of ice-cream.

Cases of suicides in Tihar Jail

1116. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a number of suicides committed by inmates of Tihar Jail in the Capital this year; if so, the details of each case;

(b) whether these suicides were committed by undertrials who had been hauled up for small offences like thefts and were desperate for the delay in bringing them to trial or were tired of prolonged trial;

(c) the comparative figures for the last three years; and

(d) the steps contemplated to obviate the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The details of suicides committed by four inmates of Tihar Jail during the year 1995 are given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*)

(b) While one inmate was a convict undergoing life imprisonment, the

remaining three were undertrials who were facing trial for major offences. Two undertrials died within two days of their entry in jail while the third died after 19 months of his entry in jail.

(c) The number of suicides by inmates of Tihar Jail during the last three years is as follows:—

1992 — 4
1993 — 3
1994 — 4

(d) Steps taken to obviate the situation are:—

(i) Ward Panchayats in the Jail prepare a list of critical/depressed or introvert prisoners of their wards.

(ii) Depressed or introvert prisoners are referred to a visiting psychiatrist/doctor and counsellors for counselling to help them to come out of depression.

(iii) Spiritual/self reliance counselling is being given by the jail staff to the depressed prisoners.

(iv) Doctors are present round the clock to provide medical aid to the prisoners.

(v) Round the clock vigilance is maintained by prisoners and jail staff in all wards and lavatories during 'unlock' hours.

Statement

Details of inmates of Tihar Jail who committed suicide during 1995 (upto 31.7.95)

1. Bhagwat, s/o. Sukha
   Entry in Jail : 29.8.92
   Date of suicide : 15.3.95
   Status : Convict
2. Jasbir Singh, s/o. Dayal Singh,
   Entry in Jail : 18.5.95
   Date of suicide : 20.5.95
   Status : Undertrial
3. Diwan, s/o. Bhagwan Dass,
   Entry in Jail : 12.11.93
   Date of attempted suicide 17.6.95
   Death on : 20.6.95
   Status : Undertrial
4. Surinder, s/o. Chander Bhan,
   Entry in Jail : 26.7.95
   Date of suicide : 27.7.95
   Status : Undertrial.

Demand and Supply of LPG in Gujarat

1117. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to ensure smooth supply of LPG in Gujarat state; and

(b) the extent of demand and the supply of LPG in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The demand of existing consumers of LPG in the State of Gujarat, who are enrolled with the distributors of the Public Sector Oil Companies, is by and large being met in full. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants during extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas.

The LPG sales in the State of Gujarat are as under:

	(Figs. in TMT)
1992-93	258.1
1993-94	268.3
1994-95 (Prov.)	291.2